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So many of our dreams at first
seem impossible, then they seem
improbable, and then, when we
summon the will, they soon
become inevitable.

-Christopher Reeves

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Welcome our New 4-H Extension Teammate

We are excited to introduce Rain Gray as the newest Extension Office member! Originally from Kansas, Rain is new to Colorado and El Paso County, and is loving the change of scenery. Rain hopes to use their creativity and love of nature to support the 4-H community in El Paso County.

- Favorite Color: Purple
- Favorite Food: Sushi
- Favorite Sweets: Dark chocolate sea salt
- Hobbies: Making art of all kinds, from acting in local theatre productions, to painting, sculpting, and crocheting.

Club Leader Spotlight

Fountain Farmers 4-H Club

Stacy Cantu

Fountain Famers 4-H Club

- 4-H Volunteer Years: 18 years
- Favorite Color: Purple
- Favorite Candy or Sweet Treat: 100,000 Chocolate Bar
- Hobbies: Scrapbooking and Camping

Acknowledgment: We would like to acknowledge Stacy for long standing dedication to 4-H as a whole and providing a wide range of opportunities for the youth to participate in.



Danielle Dungan

Fountain Famers 4-H Club

- 4-H Volunteer Years: 9 years
- Favorite Color: Red and teal
- Favorite Candy or Sweet Treat: Reese
- Hobbies: Spending time with family and camping

Acknowledgment: We would like to acknowledge Danielle for her amazing organization skills and helping bring to life several new projects for our county including Pocket Pets and Pet Pig. Danielle is always willing to step up and help!

Project Manual Orders



The State 4-H Office has changed the way we are able to order project manuals. Please contact our Office to discuss your Project Manual needs. There are a few different options, including limited quantities currently in stock at our office.

2022 El Paso County Fair Schedule

The 2022 El Paso County Fair Schedule has been officially voted in by the Fair Board and is now posted for families to view on our website. Please review this carefully to note the changes and additions.

2022 El Paso County Fair Schedule can be viewed [here](https://bit.ly/3GnSVl0) (<https://bit.ly/3GnSVl0>)

Fundraising Opportunity-Concession Stand

Inviting 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters to operate a concession stand at the Livestock Advisory Committee Beef Blow N Go Show! We need a club or chapter who would be willing to sell concessions on April 2, 2022 from 8 AM until the late afternoon. Items must be prepacked or pre-cooked from store. Handling of food must be done with gloves and face mask. Please fill out the **google survey by February 15, 2022**, if you are interested.

Fundraising Opportunity-Concession Stand Sign-up [here](#).



El Paso County 4-H County Contest

- For Whom: all 4-H members in El Paso County
- When: Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Where: Extension Office
- **Please see flyer on next page**

Youth County Council Needs YOUR Help

Our Youth County Council wants to hear from you! If you've participated, or watched, the Barn Olympics at County Fair, can you help share your feedback?

YCC will look at this survey as they work to plan for our next County Fair!

This survey should take **LESS** than 5 minutes and can be found [here](#).

Thank you for helping Youth County Council in their planning!



YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Youth County Council serves as a guiding voice for 4-H programming here in El Paso County. It's a chance for 4-H members across El Paso County to plan, learn, & have fun together to ensure all voices are heard. *The meeting format will be in person only at this time.* All clubs are encouraged to send representation. See below for details:



- For Whom: Interested El Paso County 4-H members AND Parents/Guardians
- When: Last Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m. –February 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.
- Where: El Paso County Extension Office

2022 COUNTY CONTEST

Cooking

- Cake Decorating (must be enrolled in 4-H Cake Decorating project)
- Creative Cooks



Public Speaking

- Demos (Individual & Team)
- Impromptu Speech
- Interpretive Reading
- Prepared Speech

County Only

- Bakeology
- Performing Arts

Creativity & Competition

County Contest offers the chance to compete in different 4-H areas, regardless of your chosen project!

Showcase your talent & creativity in this program-wide competition, where contest winners have the opportunity to move on to State Fair.

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Workshops

Workshops are offered in all areas which compete for State Fair Contest eligibility.

TABLETOP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- For Whom: All 4-H Members and Families interested in any of the 4-H Tabletop project areas (i.e., Creative Arts, Family & Consumer Sciences, Natural Resources, Personal Development & STEM. The 34+ (non-animal) 4-H Project Areas can be explored on the [Colorado 4-H Webpage](#).
- When: Third Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.—Thursday, February 17th
- Where: Extension Office

SHOOTING SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- For Whom: All 4-H Members and Families interested in any of the 4-H Shooting Sports project areas.
- When: Third Friday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.—Friday, February 18th
 - Where: 3275 Akers Dr

HORSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- When: Third Tuesday of the Month @ 6 p.m.
- Where: Kit Carson Riding Club



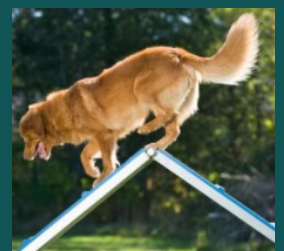
LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- When: Second Thursday of the Month @ 7 p.m.
 - Where: Latigo Trails Equestrian Center

SMALL ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- When: Second Monday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Where: Akers Property



EPC 4-H Volunteer Opportunities

You're the kind of person who loves making a positive impact. You're efficient, effective & you use your time to help your community. We want you on our team! Check out these open roles available to use your unique strengths! If you want more information or are interested in any of the current openings, email [Charity](#).

[*See this page](#) for a complete list of current openings. Monthly newsletter will include new openings only

New This Month! County Contest Judges

County Contest is coming up soon and we need your help!

Available Roles

4-H County Contest Day Judge

Total Need: 14

Contests:

Demonstrations
Impromptu
Prepared Speech
Horse Speech
Interpretive Reading
Bakeology
Cake Decorating
Creative Cooks

As a 4-H County Contest Day Judge, you'll be a front-line expert to offer feedback for 4-H members competing in 4-H contests, some eligible for advancement to state and national competitions. You'll work with Extension Staff & Volunteer Leaders to observe, score, interact, and offer feedback to youth members participating. You'll help youth feel at ease and ready to practice important life skills! This is role is for you if these are your strengths: *active* listening, observant, efficient with details, enjoy learning from youth, and positive delivery of feedback. How long is the time commitment? It's a one-day position that should serve an estimated time of 3 to 6 hours of time on Saturday, April 23rd. Training and all resources provided!

*****Those volunteering to serve as a Judge or Judge's Assistant will not be required to judge their own youth members. We will need alternates for this reason*****

4-H County Contest Day

Workshop Teacher

Workshops:

Demonstrations
Impromptu
Prepared Speech
Crafting Your 4-H Story

As a 4-H County Contest Day Workshop Teacher, you'll be a front-line expert to teach and offer feedback for 4-H members wanting to learn about or practice their public speaking skills. You'll work with Extension Staff & Volunteer Leaders to teach a 30 minute lesson (with 2-3 sessions), and offer feedback to youth members participating. You'll help youth feel at ease and ready to practice important life skills! This is role is for you if these are your strengths: teaching, *active* listening, observant, efficient with details, enjoy learning from youth, and positive delivery of feedback. How long is the time commitment? It's a one-day position that should serve an estimated time of 2 to 4 hours of time on Saturday, April 23rd. Training, lesson plans and all resources provided!

EPC 4-H Volunteer Opportunities, Continued

4-H County Contest Day

Judges' Assistant

As a 4-H County Contest Day Judges' Assistant, you'll be a front-line with the judge to help youth reach their public speaking potential! You'll work with Extension Staff & Volunteer Leaders to observe, score, interact, and offer feedback to youth members participating. You'll help run score sheets, offer additional assistance as needed to the Judges. You'll help youth feel at ease and ready to practice important life skills! This is role is for you if these are your strengths: helpful and positive attitude, *active* listening, observant, efficient with details, enjoy learning from youth, and positive delivery of feedback. How long is the time commitment? It's a one-day position that should serve an estimated time of 3 to 6 hours of time on Saturday, April 23rd. *Training and all resources provided!*

4-H County Contest Day

Volunteer Extraordinaire

As a 4-H County Contest Day Volunteer Extraordinaire, you'll be a front-line support for different aspects of the day. You'll help as needed and may get to try out some different roles. Working with Extension Staff & Volunteer Leaders to host the best County Contest Day for our 4-H youth, you'll help youth feel at ease and ready to practice important life skills! This is role is for you if these are your strengths: helpful and cheerful attitude, *active* listening, observant, efficient with details, enjoy learning from youth. How long is the time commitment? It's a one-day position that should serve an estimated time of 3 to 6 hours of time on Saturday, April 23rd. *All resources provided!*

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[Apply TODAY to help the youth at County Contest!](#)

New Project Meetings-NEW SESSIONS COMING!

We've heard from a lot of families that finding a project leader and making meetings can, at times, be tough as we balance life's many responsibilities. In an effort to help youth, families, and volunteer leaders, we're excited to announce our new 4-H Saturdays! The 4-H Saturdays will be a space for consistent and scheduled project meetings. At this time, we will be meeting at the Extension Office.

What this means for 4-H Volunteer Leaders: Leaders will have a regular space to use, and additional support from Extension staff for planning, risk management, supplies, and more! You will have the opportunity to increase your impact and help youth from all over the county. We want to help make your role as easy as possible so you can enjoy the best part of 4-H volunteering: *sharing and working with the youth!* The intent of this project is to lessen the burden of logistical planning (i.e., facilities, plans, sign ins, etc.) for our 4-H project leaders.

If you would like to know more, have questions, or are interested in reserving a space for your project meetings, please [email](mailto:charity.cagle@colostate.edu) or call Charity (charity.cagle@colostate.edu) (719) 520-7675)

What this means for 4-H Families: Families can easily schedule and make project meetings with consistent scheduling. Initially, there will be 2 sessions offered for each meeting in hopes of helping with scheduling conflicts. No more wondering about the details of each project your youth is actively involved in, because each of our project areas will walk you through an info session. Additionally, Extension staff will be present at 4-H Saturdays to answer any questions, help share resources, and more. We're looking forward to improving the 4-H experience for each of our families! If you would like to know more or are interested in becoming a volunteer to help with this new format, please [email](mailto:charity.cagle@colostate.edu) or call Charity (charity.cagle@colostate.edu) (719) 520-7675)

Current Dates Scheduled -

NEW SESSION COMING in February!

February 5

2 Sessions: 9 AM & 10:30 AM -Heritage Arts

1 Session: 9AM – Clothing Construction 1 & 2

March 5

2 Sessions: 9 AM & 10:30 AM -Heritage Arts

1 Session: 9AM – Clothing Construction 1 & 2

April 2

2 Sessions: 9 AM & 10:30 AM -Heritage Arts

1 Session: 9AM – Clothing Construction 1 & 2

May 14

2 Sessions: 9 AM & 10:30 AM -Heritage Arts

1 Session: 9AM – Clothing Construction 1 & 2

June 11

2 Sessions: 9 AM & 10:30 AM -Heritage Arts

1 Session: 9AM – Clothing Construction 1 & 2

Current Available Sessions: NEW SESSION COMING in February!

Clothing Construction – Units 1 & 2

Are you curious about learning how to sew? Come join our expert 4-H project leaders to help you learn the basics and foundations of sewing so you're ready to create an exhibit you're proud of! This class is for members in Units 1 & 2 of the Clothing Construction projects. If you have questions about techniques, content, or other specific questions, please call or email Charity.

Heritage Arts – Fiber Arts

Have you ever been curious about how different fleece from a variety of animals turn into hats, bags, clothing, gifts, and more? Come learn the techniques to felt fleece fibers turning them into fabric! 4-H members will begin making items right away and experience the different types of fibers that are available.

SQA—Last Opportunity of the 21-22 4-H Year!

Shooting Sports – FINAL SQA for 21-22

- For Whom: all 4-H members enrolled in the shooting sports projects. SQA is a requirement for county or state competition(s). Project fee (if not already paid) can be paid at SQA. Fee is \$20 and covers consumable project supply costs such as targets, backers, etc.
- When: Saturday, February 12th @ 10 a.m.
- Where: Extension Office

Email [Charity](#) with questions



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training



When: March 4-6 @ Morgan County Fairgrounds and March 11-13 @ Greeley, CO

(flyers located at the following links or at the very end of the newsletter)

For more information on the Morgan County Training click [here](#)

For more information on the Weld County Training click [here](#).

Remind App for Animal Project Areas

For families that would like to stay up to date on deadlines and reminders a Remind App was developed to help bridge communication. There will be three different groups which include Horse, Livestock, and Small Animal. This will be used as an additional communication tool throughout the year.



****Please understand that the Remind App does NOT replace the monthly newsletter OR the responsibility of families to keep track of deadlines. This is simply an additional form of communication, however, will NOT be the source of all information. Please continue to reach out through email if you have questions.**

Please refer to more detailed instructions sheets attached to this newsletter.

Horse Project Remind App Code: <https://www.remind.com/join/22epchorse>

Livestock Project Remind App Code: <https://www.remind.com/join/22epcstock>

Small Animal Remind App Code: <https://www.remind.com/join/22epcsa>

COLORADO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

HOSTED BY: MORGAN COUNTY

QUESTIONS: CONTACT AIMEE KANODE

AIMEE.KANODE@COLOSTATE.EDU (970) 542-3542



March 4-6, 2022

**4-H ONLINE
REGISTRATION
BEGINS 1/21**

[HTTP://V2.4HONLINE.COM](http://V2.4HONLINE.COM)

**ENTER FAMILY
EMAIL AND
PASSWORD
SELECT EVENT
"2022 MORGAN SS
LEADER TRAINING"
CONFIRM
PAYMENT AND
"FINISH" TO
COMPLETE YOUR
REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES
FEBRUARY 18, 2022**

Morgan County Fairgrounds

750 Ellsworth Street

Brush, CO 80723



LODGING INFORMATION

BEST WESTERN PLUS- 1410 BARLOW ROAD, FORT MORGAN, CO 80701

CALL 970-370-2322 TO RESERVE USING CODE MORGAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

ROOM BLOCK RATE: \$89.99 + TAX PER NIGHT. MUST BE RESERVED BY FEBRUARY 18, 2022.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY!



WORKSHOP FEES

\$135/PERSON

4-H VOLUNTEERS OR YOUTH

\$70/PERSON CSU EXT STAFF

DISCIPLINES OFFERED:

- ARCHERY
- RIFLE
- PISTOL
- SHOTGUN



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION**

**MAIL TO: MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
P. O. BOX 517
FORT MORGAN, CO 80701-0517**

**NOTE: ONE CHECK PER COUNTY FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED**

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UNIVERSITY, U.S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, AND MORGAN COUNTY COOPERATING.**

COLORADO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

HOSTED BY: WELD COUNTY

QUESTIONS: CONTACT KIM EASTWOOD

KEASTWOOD@CO.WELD.CO.US (970) 400-2079

COLORADO



March 11-13, 2022

4-H ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS 1/28

[HTTP://V2.4HONLINE.COM](http://V2.4HONLINE.COM)

ENTER FAMILY
EMAIL AND
PASSWORD
SELECT EVENT
"2022 WELD SS
LEADER TRAINING"

CONFIRM
PAYMENT AND
"FINISH" TO
COMPLETE YOUR
REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION CLOSSES
FEBRUARY 25, 2022



LODGING INFORMATION

DOUBLETREE HILTON GREELEY
PHONE: 970.304.000

ROOM BLOCK" 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
\$129/NIGHT INCLUDING BREAKFAST
AT MEEKER
ROOM BLOCK HELD THROUGH FEB. 11,



WORKSHOP FEES

\$135/PERSON
4-H VOLUNTEERS OR YOUTH
\$70/PERSON CSU EXT STAFF

DISCIPLINES OFFERED:

- ARCHERY
- RIFLE
- PISTOL
- SHOTGUN



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WELD COUNTY
SHOOTING SPORTS COUNCIL

MAIL TO: WELD COUNTY EXTENSION
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
525 NORTH 15TH AVENUE
GREELEY, CO 80631-2049

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Remind App Instructions

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Sign up for important updates from E. Tobler.

Get information for Colorado State University right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for 22 EPC Horse Project:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/22epchorse

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @22epchorse to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @22epchorse to (917) 746-6101.

* Standard text message rates apply.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/22epchorse on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



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Pick a way to receive messages for 22 EPC Livestock:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/22epcstock

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @22epcstock to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @22epcstock to (917) 746-6101.

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Pick a way to receive messages for 22 EPC Small Animal:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/22epcsa

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @22epcsa to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @22epcsa to (917) 746-6101.

* Standard text message rates apply.

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February Horse Project Meeting-Show Ring



Come and join us on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022** at Kit Carson Riding Club beginning at 7 p.m. to learn from Maggie Kenoyer, Megan Kenoyer, and Lisa Anderson about the proper way to safely navigate an arena and show smarter. The seminar will focus on skills necessary to keep our shows, clinics, and fun activities safe. Please make sure to register for the event [here](#).

Required for all **FIRST YEAR** horse project members

March Horse Project Meeting-Barrels & Poles Clinic

On **Sunday, March 13, between 9 AM and 12 PM** at Latigo Equestrian Center, Emily Few will be giving a speed clinic focused on barrels and pole bending. Come join us for some fun! Please sign up using this [google survey](#) by **February 31, 2022**:

- Youth must be enrolled in the horse project
- Youth **MUST** be safety tested in order to participate
- There will be assigned time slots that range from 9 AM to 12 PM to prevent overcrowding of a session



Join the Livestock Quizbowl Team

Calling all youth in livestock projects to join the Livestock Quizbowl Team! The team works together to answer a series of questions about livestock and small stock. They compete against other county teams and last year **placed 4th at State Conference**! It is a great way to bond with youth in the county and compete as a team!

Practices will be every Thursday starting on February 10th at 5:30 PM at Kit Carson Riding Club (the corner of Cowpoke and Black Forest). We hope to see you there!

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Training Requirement

Meat Quality Assurance Training teaches the youth about the quality of meat and food products that come from livestock. Quality assurance for livestock producers means making a promise to the consumers, or the people who consume the meat, eggs, milk and dairy products, from food production animals. The promise made is that products from livestock will be the highest possible quality and producers will do everything possible to make these products safe to eat.

- MQA Training will be offered twice a year. For the 2022, the format that will be used is a classroom style learning or a hands-on trailer session.
- A written test will follow the training and must be passed with an 80% or higher.
- ***The project areas required to complete MQA training is goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbit.***
- ***All first year 4-H members and current 4-H members advancing to intermediate (11 years old) or senior (14 years old) 4-H members must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) workshop if enrolled in goat, beef, sheep, swine, poultry or rabbit project(s).***
- ***All 4-H members are required to attend a MQA training during their first year in a livestock/rabbit/poultry projects regardless of their age.***
- This must be done at least 45 days prior to the El Paso County Fair in order to be eligible to exhibit at the county and/or state fair(s).
- Proof of compliance must be submitted to the El Paso County Extension Office.
- If the 4-H member is unable to attend an MQA workshop in El Paso County, the 4-H member may attend an MQA workshop in another county (information for completion must be sent to El Paso County office by the deadline from the county that the MQA training was completed in)

MQA Registration link [here](#).

The dates of MQA classes offered in the classroom will be:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday April 7, 2022, at 6:00 PM (Location at the Extension Office)
Classroom Session | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday May 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM (Location El Paso County Fairgrounds- Whittemore)
Hands On Trailer Session Cost \$3.00 |
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2022 El Paso County Premium Books

The 2022 El Paso County Premium books have been officially voted in by the Fair Board and are now posted for families to view on our website. Please review these carefully to note the changes and additions. I have outlined some of the bigger changes for families, however this is not a comprehensive list of changes; it only highlights ***some*** of the changes on a larger scale. *The youth exhibitors and families are responsible for reading and becoming familiar with the rules and expectations of county fair.*

- ***Dog Premium Book***
- ***Horse Premium Book***
- ***Miniature Horse Premium Book***
- ***Livestock Premium Book***
- ***Small Animal Premium Book***

Dog Premium Book

- Minor rule edits/changes to agility

Horse Premium Book

- Improved verbiage for highpoint and superhorse awards
- Added the "New To You" Division is created for Level 1 or higher riders that have a new mount where the pair has not shown together prior to the current 4-H year in any equine competition
- Added sportsmanship award

Miniature Horse Premium Book

- New premium book for 2022
- Includes classes for miniature horse, miniature donkeys, and miniature mules
- Miniature horses will be stalled at county fair
- Divisions will be showmanship, in hand working performance, in hand gymkhana, and costume
- Specialty Master Showman is a new contest

Small Animal Premium Book

- Cavy will be housed at county fair
- Specialty Master Showman is a new contest
- Llama/Alpaca Show has a slight fee increase
- Youth in the rabbit project will have to vaccinate their rabbits and sign a waiver concerning RHVD2 releasing liability from the county fair and extension (rabbits will be back at fair)
- Removing Small Animal Photo Contest (will look at alternate structure for this in the future)

Livestock Premium Book

- Entry fees for market are now \$15 and entry fees for breeding are now \$10 to hire a professional company and business to collect correct and interpret data accurately
- Breeding producer has been removed due to limited entries for the past two years
- The Swine Trifecta contest has been added
- Market goat industry standards has been clarified to read " All market goats must be slick shorn and of uniform length from the knee and hock up prior to weigh-in at fair. "Blocking" or fitting in an attempt to alter or enhance a goat's appearance is not allowed."
- Select sale classes for beef have been added in breeding and market
- Specialty Master Showman has been added
- Dairy goat requirement "The latest a dairy goat can kid is June 15 (FairEntry deadline) of the current year and the dam must be entered in 4HOnline as of the May 1st deadline "
- Using Animals in Judging Contests: Exhibitors understand that by entering their livestock into competition at the El Paso County Fair, the livestock may be used for judging purposes by the members of 4-H/FFA livestock judging teams/individuals. When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for the students to judge in the Livestock Judging Contests, he/she is expected to do so. An exhibitor who refuses to allow his/her animal to be used in this manner may forfeit any prizes he/she has won up to that point.

Sale Committee Funds for Livestock Clinic

The El Paso County Junior Livestock Sale Committee (Sale Committee) recently approved the designation of funds to aid market exhibitors with the cost of educational clinics. The Sale Committee recognizes the value of attending clinics which aid in the development of animal selection, feeding, grooming, and showmanship. As a result, five (5) awards per market species up to \$75 per exhibitor will be made available for reimbursement toward the cost of educational clinics. The Stierwalt Clinic in May and the Next Level Clinics in June are examples of the types of clinics the sponsorship funds would be eligible for.

Application requirements for funds are detailed in the Sponsorship Application and include: completing the application form, obtaining comments and signatures from organization/project leaders, completing a service project, and providing a narrative description with pictures of the completed service project. The market exhibitor is only eligible to receive reimbursement for one clinic (i.e. if you apply for reimbursement to attend a beef clinic, you would not be eligible to apply for reimbursement to attend a clinic for another species).

The market exhibitor needs to submit the completed Educational Clinic Sponsorship Application to epcojrlivestocksalecommittee@gmail.com. Properly completed and submitted applications will receive consideration on a first come first approved basis and are limited to five (5) awards per market species. The Educational Clinic Sponsorship Application can be found at <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2022/01/Educational-Clinic-Sponsorship-Application-2.pdf>. For additional information, contact the Sale Committee at epcojrlivestocksalecommittee@gmail.com.

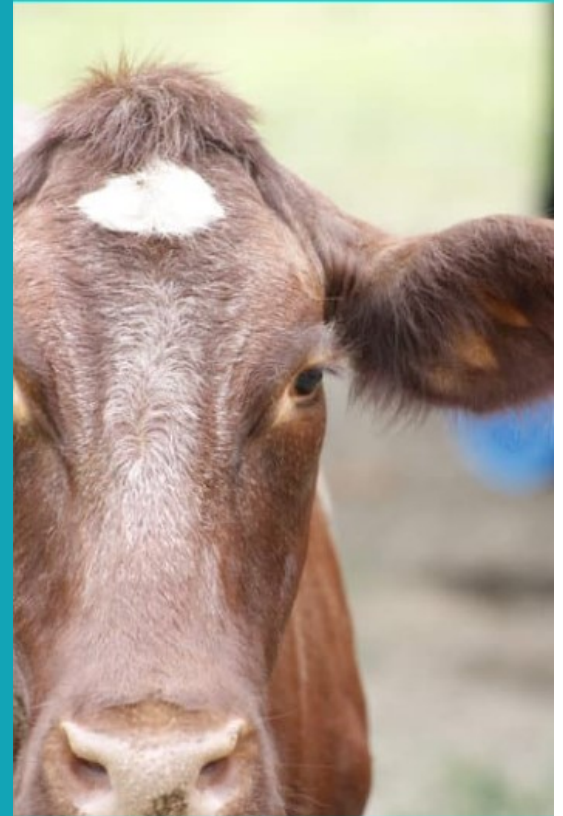
Beef Project Exercising

Calling all 4-H members enrolled in the **4-H Beef Project!!** We invite members in this project are to the fairgrounds to exercise their beef and familiarize them to the fairgrounds before fair. This is also a great experience to interact with other youth in the same project and visit with project leaders.

The dates for this activity will be:

- **Saturday. January 22nd at 9 a.m.**
- **Saturday, February 5th at 9 a.m.**
- **Saturday, March 5th at 9 a.m.**
- **Sunday, April 10th at 3 p.m.**

***if you plan to attend, please use this [link](#) to register.*



Show Goat Crew led by 4-H Youth Member: Maddie Unruh

Our 4-H Youth Member in the Goat Project has taken the initiative to start this group on band so if you are in the goat project please read and join!

“Hey Goat Friends, In an attempt to have consistent communication and success with our market and breeding boer goat projects, I have put together a BAND group that you are welcome to join.

The goal of the group is to share information regarding shows, tips, tricks, and have a general exchange of questions, answers, and advice. I want to promote success and friendly competition within our group. I would love to host monthly goat project meetings for 4-H and FFA members. Earlier in the year (now through March) is a great time to think about buying animals, planning budgets, and reaching out to breeders. Later on into show season, we can practice showmanship, daily care, fitting, and feeding. Here is the [link](#) to join!”

-Maddie Unruh





BEEF BLOWN' GO SHOW

April 2, 2022

Weigh In: 7:30-9:30 AM
Show Start Time: 10:00 AM

Class Order: Market, Breeding, Futurity, Showmanship
\$25 pre-registration and \$40 day of show registration
(CASH ONLY)



BREEDING CLASSES



MARKET CLASSES



FUTURITY CLASS

PRIZE MONEY AWARDED~BANNERS~DOOR PRIZES~SILENT AUCTION

PRE-REGISTRATION LINK

<https://bit.ly/3G5EmCD>

366 10th St, Calhan, CO 80808

GET IN TOUCH:

Emily Tobler

• Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu

• (719)-520-7685

NEW-Pet Pig Project

We would like to introduce one of our newest projects, the pet pig project! Information about the project and project resources is listed below. Please reach out with questions to the project leaders!

Association: <https://americanminipigassociation.com/>

Curriculum Book: <https://americanminipigstore.com/product/pre-order-mini-pig-owners-guide-book-transitioning-and-caring-for-your-mini-pig/>

Project Leader: Amy Kindell and her email is amynikale@gmail.com

Project Meeting Location: Fountain Creek Park at 4:00 PM

Project Meetings for 2022:

- January 29, 2022- Introduction to Project
- February 13, 2022- Hoof Trimming
- March 13, 2022- Digestive Track/Nutrition
- April 10, 2022- Bathing
- May 22, 2022- Showmanship
- June 12, 2022- Obstacle



EPC 4-H Youth Member Crowned Champion at Western National Round Up

Congratulations to Time Niemeyer for all his hard work and being crowned Horse Demonstration Champion at Western National Roundup! His presentation on equine genetics earned him the championship out of all the 4-H members competing at on a national level. Time competed at our local County Contest, then at 4-H State Conference which then qualified him for the 4-H National Contest. He belongs to Country Style 4-H Club, and we are so proud of him! Keep up the great work Time!



EPC 4-H Youth Member Competes at National Western Stock Show



Congratulations to Wyatt Chamblin, from Hitch-N-Post 4-H Club, for competing at National Western Stock Show! He represented El Paso County at it's finest placing 10th in Showmanship and competing an extremely large



market steer show. We are so proud of Wyatt and all the hard work he puts into his livestock projects!

Colorado Hall of Fame-Accepting Nominations

Memo

To: Colorado 4-H
From: Jean Glowacki, Director Colorado 4-H
CC:
Date: February 1, 2022
Re: Colorado 4-H Hall of Fame

The purpose of the Colorado 4-H Hall of Fame is to promote the value of 4-H membership by recognizing notable people in the state who were 4-H members and attribute their success in life to their 4-H experience. The Colorado 4-H Hall of Fame will feature a permanent exhibit to be displayed in the hallway of the CSU State 4-H Office in Fort Collins. Inductees into the Colorado 4-H Hall of Fame will be presented at State Conference.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the State 4-H Office from the county Extension office where the nominee was a 4-H member or the county in which they currently reside. To be considered for this recognition individuals should have achieved notable accomplishments that can be attributed to their 4-H experience. While the major goal of the Colorado 4-H Hall of Fame is to highlight Colorado 4-H alumni, 4-H alumni from other states who have made a significant impact in Colorado are also eligible.

The nomination process is simple. Submit the following to [Rain Gray by email](#):

The name, address, and contact information of nominee.

The county and state where the nominee was a 4-H member.

One paragraph (300 words maximum) outlining the 4-H background and experience of the nominee.

One paragraph (300 words maximum) describing how the nominee's 4-H experience has influenced their life and the notable accomplishments they have achieved.

Nominations are due by February 25, 2022 for consideration. All nominations will be reviewed by a designated committee and a recommendation will be made to the State 4-H Director. The State 4-H Director will have final approval of each inductee.



4-H Community Service Youth Grant Opportunity

Attention Club Leaders, Club Officer Teams and 4-H Families!

Does your club or 4-H member(s) have a great idea for community service that would “foster meaningful connections, promote inclusion, or teach empathy”?

Youth Service America (YSA) is searching for Heartwarming Young Heroes with creative ideas to foster meaningful connections, promote inclusion, and teach empathy. With support from Hershey’s Heartwarming Project, YSA will award up to \$50,000 in grants for youth-led service projects and community-building activities during Global Youth Service Day (April 29 – May 1, 2022).

Grant Options

- \$100 Miniature-Size Grant – for small family-and-friends-sized activities (required to engage at least 10 youth participants as volunteers)
- \$250 Standard-Size Grant – for medium-size group/club/classroom activities (required to engage at least 25 youth participants as volunteers)
- \$500 King-Size Grant – for larger community-wide activities (required to engage at least 50 youth participants as volunteers)

Requirements

- Plan a youth-led service project or community-building activity for Global Youth Service Day.
- Engage at least 10, 25, or 50 other youth participants (volunteers) depending on grant size.
- Be located in and project take place in the United States (including U.S. territories and military bases & DoD schools) or Canada.

Register your GYSD activity by April 1 and complete a post-project impact report by May 20.

Application Deadlines

- The early application deadline is **Friday, February 18** to be notified by March 4.
- Early applicants who are not selected in round 1 can revise their application based on feedback provided by YSA and resubmit.

The final application deadline is **Friday, March 11** to be notified by March 25. Anyone can submit during this second application period, even if you did not apply by the early deadline.

Questions?

[Find more details HERE](#)

Check out the [answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#) about this program.

Still have a question? Contact Katie Reusch, YSA’s Director of Partnerships at kreusch@ysa.org



**Youth
Changing
the World**

Employment and Internship Opportunities

Part-Time for 16 & Up Farm Work

Location: off of Judge Orr onto Peyton Hwy (Falcon)

Days: Fri-Sun

Time: 4-5hr/per day starting at 8:30am

Entails: Feeding/water, moving horses, mucking out stalls, administering medication for 13 horses

Email El Paso County 4-H Member, Bailey, for more info! Bnmirish@gmail.com

Position: Weld County Extension – 4-H Intern

- Location: Weld County Extension Office, Greeley, Colorado
- Date needed: May 15 – August 15, can be somewhat flexible with starting and ending dates.
- Hours/Week: 40 – may be some night and weekend responsibilities. (Note: it is expected that the number of hours during Weld County Fair (July 23-August 1) will significantly exceed 40.)
- Salary: \$12.56/hour
- Transportation: Intern will provide own transportation; mileage provided when traveling on Extension business away from the office.
- Job Description: Provide support to Weld 4-H Youth Development Agent and volunteers in extensive 4-H programs. Help with the planning and presentation of various events and activities (i.e. County Fair, Camp Cloverbud, etc.) There will likely be some opportunities to work with other agents in the office.
- Additional If a previous member of Weld County 4-H, needs to be out of 4-H a minimum of 1
Qualifications: year before applying.

Skills needed: Must be a self-starter, able to work on his/her own after training and direction. Demonstrate the ability to work with youth and volunteers. Be a team player who is able to work with Extension professionals and support staff. Needs to be proficient in Microsoft Office. Have good oral and written communication skills.

Knowledge and experience with 4-H or other youth organizations is desirable.

To apply: Send resume and cover letter to Kim Eastwood, Weld County Extension, 525 N 15th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado, 80631. If you prefer, you can email this to keastwood@co.weld.co.us. Apply no later than February 18, 2022.

Qualified applicants will be contacted after the deadline to set up an
view.

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Thank you,
Kim Eastwood
4-H Youth Development Agent



4-H Scholarship Opportunities

**Please check requirements and due dates carefully. If reference letter is needed please request no later than 2 weeks before submission deadline!!*

Colorado 4-H awards scholarships annually to outstanding youth who have actively engaged in Colorado 4-H clubs for at least 3 years. **The scholarship process is competitive and open from November 1, 2021 through March 1, 2022.** Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2022. There are opportunities available for all kinds of students, including for those attending trade schools or junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students.

For more information on the scholarship process and scholarships available, visit <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>.

If you are ready to begin your application, [click here](#) to access the AcademicWorks application portal. Once signed in, the first step is to apply using the General Application, where specific questions will be asked to determine which of the scholarships you are eligible for using defined criteria.

Sign Up to create an account using a valid email address. Password must include 1 digit, 1 uppercase letter and 1 lowercase letter. Once you've created an account, log into your email to activate your account.

OR

Sign In to log in to an existing account

Complete and submit the General Application.

Complete and submit Supplemental Application(s) if required.

Review your Recommended opportunities (at the top of the Colorado 4-H Scholarship Application, hover over 'Opportunities' and then click, 'Recommended').

Some scholarships may ask additional questions specific to that particular scholarship. Click the 'Apply' button to answer any remaining questions.

If no action is required on a Recommended scholarship, then your General and/or Supplemental application are all that is/are required.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: All Colorado 4-H scholarships **REQUIRE** two letters of reference. Please give your references ample time to complete their letter on your behalf. *Application is NOT complete without two reference letters.*



Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

**Please check requirements and due dates carefully. If reference letter is needed please request no later than 2 weeks before submission deadline!!*

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years. This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a postsecondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc.

Applicants will need to submit **three letters** of recommendation. One from their Extension 4-H Agent, one from their County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or Coach and one from a non-relative adult.

Each applicant will also need to provide an essay on what they have done in 4-H, why they are applying and what they plan to do in the future.

Don and Margaret Marr will select a committee to determine the recipient.

Please send all required materials listed above to Margaret Marr at 7108 Highway 34, Yuma, Colorado 80759.

All required materials are due no later than April 1, 2022

****Please allow enough time to ask and receive recommendation letters****



EL PASO COUNTY 4-H

Spring Fling

Presented by Trailblazers 4-H.

WHEN

Friday March 18, 2022

7:30 pm to 10 pm

WHERE

Kit Carson Riding Club

6775 Cowpoke Rd

Black Forest, Colorado 80908

Come ready to learn some line dances!!!

Bring your friends for some toe tappin' fun!

ALL AGES EVENT

Admission:

\$5 for individual

\$10 for family



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FAIR & EVENTS CENTER

MARCH 5, 2022 • 5:30 PM
SWINK HALL | CALHAN, CO
\$35/PERSON OR \$250/TABLE (8)

EL PASO COUNTY
FAIR & EVENTS
CENTER
Calhan, Colorado

SILENT AUCTION
WINE & WHISKEY PULL
LIVE MUSIC BY MITCH CARTER



Boots *in the* Park

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NEW BARN BUILD



The El Paso County Fair & Events Center is a community gathering and celebration location for residents in eastern El Paso County.

Our youth agricultural program is growing and facility upgrades are needed to help house and showcase one of the most important and influential programs for El Paso County Youth.

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 18
ANDSCHANA ALJETS

719.520.7880

EVENTBRITE.COM

(SEARCH BOOTS IN THE PARK)



Classes held at the Extension Office

What: Dining with Diabetes

When: February 15th, 22nd, March 1st & 8th

Where: El Paso County Extension Office

Register: [Eventbrite](#)

Cost: \$15.00 (usually \$50)



What: Cottage Foods Food Safety Certification

When: February 15, 2022 @ 12 p.m.

March 9, 2022 @ 10 a.m.

Where: Virtual Office

Register: [Eventbrite](#)

Cost: \$40 for a 3 year certification

What: Farm Tax Class

When: March 30, 2022 @ 6 p.m.

Where: Virtual

Register: [Eventbrite](#)

Cost: \$25



Horticulture Lunch and Learn Series



Late Winter and Spring Pruning

February 9, 2022 @ 12 p.m.

Plan Now for Success: Creating your Personal Garden Timeline

February 16, 2022 @ 12 p.m.

To Registers: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/classes-and-workshops/>

Sheep Shearing School

March
18th-
22nd



Moffat County Sheep Shearing Schools

At the Moffat County Fairgrounds
Craig, CO



MOFFAT COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

What you will learn:

- Hands on instructed experience shearing sheep
- Shearing trouble-shooting
- Equipment maintenance and repair
- Beginner and advanced courses

To register, email
megan.stetson@colostate.edu
or call 970-826-3402

Valentine's Dance and 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff

Presented by the Calhan Posse

LIVE BAND Tender Foot Bluegrass

February 12, 2022 6 pm - 10 pm at
Swink Hall EPC Fairgrounds

\$5 person \$20 family
\$5 to enter chili cookoff

LIVE AUCTION

PUEBLO AG EXPO

Are you involved in Colorado agriculture? Do you have an interest in pasture management, water conservation and how to keep input costs manageable? Then the Pueblo Agriculture Expo is the event for you! This event is open to any Colorado agriculture producers both big and small. We have a variety of industry professionals who will be coming to speak at this event and we will be offering a catered meal at the end. We hope you'll join us and we look forward to seeing you in March.

INFORMATION

- **When:** Thursday, March 10, 2022
- **Time:** 1:00-6:00 P.M.
- **Where:** Colorado State Fairgrounds,
1001 Beulah Ave, Pueblo CO, 81004
- **Cost:** \$20 Early Bird (NON-REFUNDABLE)
 - Eventbrite - Credit Card Only,
 - CSU Extension Office - Cash or Check Only
 - \$25 Day Of
 - Cash or Check Only
 - (Day of tickets will only be sold until 1:45 P.M.)

TIMELINE

- **1:00-1:30 P.M.** Registration/Check-In Time
- **1:40-2:15 P.M.** Keynote Speaker Kevin Jablonski
- **2:30-3:30 P.M.** Breakout Sessions 1 & 2
 - Range Management with Annie Overlin & Water Conservation with Carl Beeman
- **3:30-4:30 P.M.** Breakout Sessions 3 & 4
 - Colorado Department of Agriculture & Fertilizer/Pesticide with Kelby Bond
- **4:45-6:00 P.M.** Catered Meal & Wrap-up discussion

Questions?

Call us at

719-583-6566

Buy tickets using the link below

<https://pueblolocountyagexpo2022.eventbrite.com>

> REGISTER NOW



COACHES WEBINAR SERIES ANIMAL SCIENCE COACHES 101



Join us in our webinar series that covers a diverse set of topics on 4-H contests to help coaches prepare their teams.

All webinars START at 6:30 PM CT

Registration is Required Open to all 4-H coaches & 4-H volunteers

This webinar series is for **beginner to intermediate 4-H coaches** interested in learning more about our 4-H animal science contests. Each webinar will walk through content and resources to help coaches prepare their teams. Opportunities for discussion will be available to answer questions!

February 2 – Livestock Judging & Livestock Quiz Bowl

Registration: <https://bit.ly/34Q9Qja>

- ✓ **Livestock Judging** topics to be covered will include helpful resources, rules, ideas for recruitment, how to teach youth to set up notes for successful reasons, EPD's, there will be opportunities to evaluate animals and walk through judging, reasons format and expectations, and a Q & A discussion.
- ✓ **Livestock Quiz Bowl** topics covered will help answer "where do I start?" We will cover fun ways to help youth learn and prepare for their contest, cover resources, rules, as well as a Q & A discussion.

February 9 – Horse Judging & Hippology

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3ta6v4p>

- ✓ **Horse Judging** topics to be covered will include helpful resources, rules, ideas for recruitment, how to teach youth to set up notes for successful reasons, there will be opportunities to evaluate performance and halter classes and walk through judging, reasons format and expectations, and a Q & A discussion.
- ✓ **Hippology** topics covered will help answer "where do I start?" We will cover fun ways to help youth learn and prepare for their contest, cover resources, rules, as well as a Q & A discussion.

February 16 – Meat Judging With Reasons

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3aq2CeA>

- ✓ Topics to be covered will include helpful resources, rules, ideas for recruitment, how to teach youth to set up notes for successful reasons and questions classes, there will be opportunities to evaluate material and walk through judging, reasons format and expectations, and a Q & A discussion.

February 23 – Equine Quiz Bowl

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3GroiZl>

Equine Demonstration/Illustrated Talk & Equine Public Speaking

- ✓ **Equine Quiz Bowl** topics covered will help answer "where do I start?" We will cover fun ways to help youth learn and prepare for their contest, cover resources, rules, as well as a Q & A discussion.
- ✓ **Demonstration/Illustrated Talks and Public Speaking** – we will cover the rubrics for each contest, rules, resources, and help coaches with fun ideas to prepare youth for these contests.

March 9 – Dairy Cattle Judging

Registration: <https://bit.ly/31VF12n>

- ✓ **Dairy Cattle Judging** topics to be covered will include helpful resources, rules, ideas for recruitment, how to teach youth to set up notes for successful reasons, there will be opportunities to evaluate a classes and walk through judging, reasons format and expectations, and a Q & A discussion.

For questions contact Dr. Leigh Ann Skurupcy, ND 4-H Interim Chair & 4-H Animal Science Specialist
e. LeighAnn.Skurupcy@ndsu.edu

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